

## Fleet 50 Championship Series Scoring Rules since 2009

Generally, Appendix A of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* including rule A9 applies to the scoring of our Championship series.

The changes to these rules made below are intended to promote participation in PRSA races and generate fair and fun competition.

### Championship Series

#### Who Is Scored?

To be scored for the championship series a **skipper/owner** needs to be a member of PRSA and a member of Lightning Fleet 50. A Fleet 50 member who does not join PRSA and only occasionally sails with the fleet on the river will not be scored.

We will also score *qualified fleet 50 boats* from the previous year assuming those skippers will eventually pay their PRSA & Fleet 50 dues and do RC and we will score new skippers who have not yet paid their dues but who indicate they intend to.

In addition, to be scored skippers must personally do 1 or more days of RC over the year. First year members of PRSA and Fleet 50 are exempt from that requirement.

Skippers meeting the above requirements are hereafter referred to as **qualified fleet 50 boats**.

#### What Races Are in the Series?

Each race in the Potomac Cup, PRSA Spring Series (except the Potomac Cup day), PRSA Spring Regatta, Leukemia/President's Cup, and PRSA Fall Series counts and counts equally towards the annual fleet championship series.

The purpose is to promote participation in our host club's events and our own Potomac Cup. The Dixie District has a Purnell Cup that promotes traveling to other Dixie District regattas. The CBYRA has a high point award that promotes participation in events at clubs affiliated with CBYRA which includes PRSA, SSA, SMSA, RBSA. ILCA has an intersectional trophy hat promotes traveling across districts.

#### How Is Each Race Scored?

If a boat comes to the starting area for at least one race of the day, the boat is counted among **boats on the water**.

**Boats on the water** that day include skipper/owners on the race committee and, if the skipper/owner isn't there, boats represented on race committee by two or more of the

boat/team's regular crew. If the boat/team is represented both on the water and on the race committee then the boat/team must decide in advance whether to take race committee redress or its finishing positions in the races and inform the scorer of that decision.

If a boat finishes normally, its score is its finishing position among qualified fleet 50 boats on the water.

If a boat sails with less than three crew, the boat gets that finish position +1.

If a boat was scored DNS, DNF, OCS, DSQ, RET, the boat gets the score number of **boats on the water** + 1.

If the boat was not on the water, the boat is scored DNC and gets the score the **number of qualified fleet 50 boats** in the series + 2.

When a skipper/owner crews on another skipper/owner's boat, that race does not count for the crewing skipper and so that skipper will normally be scored DNC. An exception is when two or more of the boat's regular crew are on race committee.

### **How is the Series Scored?**

**The largest 30% (rounded to nearest whole number)** of each boat's scores will be dropped before summing. (This number was chosen to give skippers enough drops to deal with the inevitable conflicts between sailing and real life and to even give skippers the opportunity to sail in non-PRSA regattas, but not so many that you won't try to participate as much as you can or compete for the prize!)

While ties in the final scores are very unlikely, they would be resolved in the usual way specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing, i.e. # of 1sts, if still tied, # of 2nds, etc.

The team is scored, not just the boat owner. This means that any of the regular crew of the boat can helm. Joint owners can trade-off helming.

If a team gets a new boat mid-season, then the scores follow the team.

A single team might become two teams after a co-skipper buys his or her own boat. In that case, which team gets the earlier results must be negotiated.

If a boat brings a hotshot aboard and hands him/her the tiller so that the team can learn something from him or her, the team should tell the scorer in advance and ask to get the average of other races it sails in the series.

### **Race Committee Redress**

Race committee redress (RCR) is the average of the other race scores after dropping 30 percent of those other races (rounded to the nearest integer).

For example, if there are 57 races in the series and a team does race committee for 10 races, it will have scores for 47 races which may include DNCs. Among those 47 races, the worst (highest) scores for 14 races are dropped (30% of 47 = 14). The scores for the remaining 33 races are averaged and assigned as RCR for the 10 races the team did race committee.

Note that, in general, each skipper will have done RC for a different number of races so the above calculation will vary from skipper to skipper.

Note that final RCR scores cannot be assigned until after the last Fall Series day.